

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An service session request is received at the Regional/Access Network (RAN) from the Network Service Provider (NSP) and/or the Application Service Provider (ASP) including a request to establish or terminate a communication session. The 5 NSP and/or ASP is associated with a service provider record. The NSP and/or the ASP is authenticated based on information contained in the service provider record and an authentication result or a termination result is provided. The authentication result or termination result is transmitted from the RAN to the NSP and/or ASP.

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